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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: KOREAN QUESTION

(A) STATE 167841, (B) USUN 2760

1. USUN'S LATEST ESTIMATE AS TO COMPOSITION OF 25-MEMBER
GENERAL COMITE AT 31ST UNGA IS AS REPORTED REF (B) PARA 13:

(A) NON-PARTICIPATING-UNGA PRESIDENT: SRI LANKA (1):

(B) FRIENDLY VOTES (I) VICE PRESIDENTS: PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF UNSC: US, UK, FRANCE;

WEO GROUP: TWO OF FOLLOWING AUSTRALIA,
DENMARK, TURKEY;

LATIN AMERICAN GROUP: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
NICARAGUA;

ASIAN GROUP: JAPAN (8).

(II) COMITE CHAIRMEN: SPC-LESOTHO;

II COMITE-BOLIVIA;

III COMITE-FRG (3).

(C) HOSTILE VOTES-(I) VICE PRESIDENTS: PERMANENT
MEMBERS OF UNSC: CHINA, USSR;

EASTERN EUROPE: GDR;

AFRICAN GROUP: CHAD, GUINES, SENEGAL,

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SUDAN (7).

(II) COMITE CHAIRMEN: I COMITE- POLAND
V COMITE-KUWAIT (2).

(D) ABSTENTIONS-COMITE CHAIRMEN: VI COMITE-FINLAND.

(E) POSSIBLE FRIENDLY VOTES-(I) UNGA VICE PRESIDENTS: ASIAN
GROUP (ARAB)-OMAN (1);

(II) COMITE CHAIRMEN: IV COMITE-
FRIENDLY AFRICAN (1);

(F) POSSIBLE HOSTILE VOTES-(I) UNGA VICE PRESIDENTS:
ASIAN GROUP-DEMOCRATIC YEMEN;
LATIN AMERICAN GROUP-PANAMA (2);
(II) COMITE CHAIRMEN: IV COMITE-
HOSTILE AFRICANS (1).

(G) POSSIBLE ABSTENTIONS-UNGA VICE PRSDIETS: LATIN
AMERICAN GROUP-PANAMA (1).

(H) COMMENT: FOR THE MOMENT, THE BREAKDOWN IN VOTING WOULD
BE FRIENDLY 11; HOSTILE 9, ABSTENTIONS 1,
NON-PARTICIPATING 1. PANAMA WHICH WAS
NOT COUNTED IN FOREGOING MIGHT
BE PERSUADED TO ABSTAIN. HOWEVER,
IT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN
PLENARY IN 1975. THE SECOND ASIAN (ARAB) VICE
PRESIDENCY COULD BE A FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE
VOTE DEPENDING ON WHETHER OR NOT DEMOCRATIC
YEMEN IS ENDORSED BY THE ASIAN GROUP.
THE IV COMITE CHAIRMSNSHIP IS OPEN.
WERE THE FRIENDLY SIDE TO CAPUTRE THE SECOND
ASIAN (ARAB) VICE PRESIDENCY AND THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMITE IV, IT MIGHT HAVE 13
VOTES AS OPPOSED TO POSSIBLY 9 OR 10 HOSTILE
VOTES. WERE THE HOSTILE SIDE TO CAPTURE THE
SECOND ASIAN (ARAB) VICE PRESIDENCY AND THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMITE IV IT COULD HAVE 11
VOTES, AND POSSIBLY 12 WERE PANAMA TO VOTE
HOSTILE. END COMMENT.

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2. POSTPONEMENT BY THE GENERAL COMITE WOULD SEEN POSSIBLE
FOR INSTANCE: (A) IF THE OTHER SIDE RESPONDED IN SOME POSITIVE
WAY TO OUR FORTHCOMING POLITICAL INITIATIVE AS WELL AS TO
OUR SIDE'S LOBBYING FOR DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION,
(B) IF THE HOSTILE SIDE WERE TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION IF
WE WERE TO RESPOND, AND IF A THIRD PARTY IN TURN WERE TO
INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR POSTPONEMENT IN AN
EFFORT TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

3. CURRENT PROSPECTS REGARDING COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COMITE SUGGEST THAT HOSTILE SIDE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO BLOCK INSCRIPTION OF A PRO-ROK ITEM. HOWEVER, IT IS YET EARLY AND CHANGES IN CANDIDACIES MAY OCCUR. FRIENDLY CAPTURE OF THE IV COMITE CHAIRMANSHIP AND OF THE SECOND ASIAN (ARAB) VICE PRESIDENCY COULD PUT OUR SIDE IN A RELATIVELY STRONG POSITION PROVIDED NONE OF THE OTHER FRIENDLY CANDIDACIES SLIP.

4. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL (A). REGARDING PRIORITY, WE BELIEVE THAT ESTIMATED SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WOULD BE INDICATION OF LIKELY SUPPORT FOR VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FOLLOWING ADOPTION SIMILAR HOSTILE RESOLUTION (SEE PARA 6 BELOW).

5. WE BELIEVE WE WOULD NEED TO SEE TEXT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF AMENDING HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WE DO NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE THIS POSSIBILITY. THE CORE GROUP HAS RETAINED THIS OPTION.

6. VOTING ESTIMATES: (A) HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 54-43(US)-42 AT 30TH UNGA. WERE THIS RESOLUTION TO BE SLIGHTLY ALTERED TO AVOID OBVIOUS EXCLUSION OF ROK FROM PEACE TALKS, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE MORE ENTHUSIASM ON PART OF SOME OF NORTH KOREA'S NONALIGNED SUPPORTERS, BUT PROBABLY NO RUSH OF ADDITIONAL VOTES IN FAVOR. ONE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, THOUGH, THAT POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS (E.G., VIETNAM, SEYCHELLES, ANGOLA) IN UN PREDICTABLY WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOSTILE SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA AND JAMAICA, MIGHT SLIP FROM ABSTENTION TO SUPPORT AND SOME SUCH AS BARBADOS AND LIBERIA, MIGHT SLIDE FROM OPPOSITION TO ABSTENTION. ON THE OTHER
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HAND, WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRESUADE A COUNTRY SUCH AS PANAMA TO REVERT TO ABSTENTION AND ONE SUCH AS ZAIRE TO MOVE FROM ABSTENTION TO OPPOSITION. ACCORDINGLY, VOTE MIGHT APPROXIMATE 58-42(US)-44. (B) FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN 1975 UNGA PLENARY 59(US)-51-29. DRAFT CONTINGENCY PRIORITY RESOLUTION NOW BEFORE CORE GROUP SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN SUBSTANTIALLY SAME DEGREE OF SUPPORT. BEARING IN MIND FOLLOWING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN VOTE, VOTE MIGHT APPROXIMATE 61(US)-54-29:

(I) ADDITIONAL NEGATIVE VOTES FROM POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS ANGOLA, SEYCHELLES, AND VIETNAM;
(II) SLIPS FROM ABSTENTIONS TO NEGATIVE VOTES BY CHAD AND UGANDA;
(III) MOVES FROM NEGATIVE VOTES TO ABSTENTIONS BY YEMEN AND MAURITANIA;

(IV) MOVES FROM ABSENCE OR ABSTENTION TO POSITIVE VOTES BY
ARGENTINA AND THE GAMBIA.

(C) SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION SHOULD REMAIN RELATIVELY
CONSTANT IF HOSTILE RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED.
ADDITIONALLY, SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US NOW THAT PREDICTABLE
ABSTAINERS WOULD SLIP TO OPPOSITION IN THAT CIRCUMSTANCE.

7. USUN DATAFAXING VOTING CHARTS.

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